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In re Application of: Leroy Braun, et al.

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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the one-month period for response to the Examiner's Action, dated October 4, 1999, be extended for three (3) months to February 4, 2000. A check in the amount of \$870.00 for the three-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 1999, please amend the above application without prejudice, as follows:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action dated October 4, 1999, the Examiner requires restriction between "Species I drawn to Fig. 1-3, conventional audiometer, [and] Species II drawn to a multimedia audiometer at Figure 4." While not necessarily agreeing with the restriction requirement or the Examiner's contentions therein, Applicants do not traverse the Examiner's requirement for election as between Species I and Species II. Therefore, and purely for purposes of expediency, Applicants elect to prosecute Species II for prosecution on the merits of this application, and identify claims 1-4 and 11-20, as presently amended, as being readable on Species II. Accordingly, Applicants have agreed, without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof, to cancel claims 5-10 and reserve the right to file a divisional application on these claims. The foregoing identification

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